

FROM:
Dr. Walter M. Douglas
Senior Patent Attorney
Corning Incorporated
SP-TI-03-01
Corning, NY 14831
Telephone: +1 607 974-2431
Facsimile +1 607 974-3848
E-mail: douglaswm@corning.com

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
FEB 15 2005



PRIVILEGED & CONFIDENTIAL

Fax

To: Mail Stop: Amendments Commissioner for Patents attn: F. C. Hiteshew	From: Walter M. Douglas
CC:	Pages: 7 Including Cover
Fax No. 703-872-9306	Date: February 15, 2005
Re: US application 10/629,397 filed 7/29/03	
Docket Number: SP02-174	
Please contact Terri Gustin at (607) 248-1318 if all pages of this transmission are not received.	

Please find to follow cover:

6 page of response to a Restriction Requirement

CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVILEGED NOTICE

The information contained in this facsimile is intended for the named recipient(s) only. It may contain PRIVILEGED or CONFIDENTIAL matter. If you receive this facsimile in error, please notify us immediately and we will arrange the return of this document to us. Please do not review this document or disclose its contents to anyone. Thank you.

H:\Walter Faxes\PTO amendment fax.doc

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
FEB 15 2005

PATENT
CASE NAME/No.: SP02-174

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Michael W. Price, et al.

Serial No: 10/629,397

Filing Date: July 29, 2003

Title: SCATTER-FREE UV OPTICAL
FLUORIDE CRYSTAL ELEMENTS
FOR <200 nm LASER LITHOGRAPHY
AND METHODS

Art Group Unit: 1765

Examiner: Felisa Carla Hiteshew

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated February 11, 2005, designated as Paper No. 10629397 in the above-captioned application, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement identifying the following groups of claims as being drawn to potentially distinct inventions:

Group I. Claims 1 - 8, are drawn to growing a scatter-free optical fluoride crystal, classified in class 423, subclass 328.2+, and

Group II. Claims 9 - 18, are drawn to a method of making a scatter-free below 200nm wavelength transmitting optical fluoride crystal, classified in class 117, subclass 81+.

The Examiner asserted that these inventions may be regarded as independent and distinct from one another because they are related as a process of making and a product made.

As such, Applicants respectfully elects without traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1 - 8; Applicants withdraw from consideration Group II, claims 9 - 18. However applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for these non-elected claims.